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# Administration Orders FBI to Find Leak to N.Y. Times

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The Carter administration has ordered the FBI to find the source of a national security leak to The New York Times that has been described as "much more serious" than generally believed.

The leak, according to informed sources, involved a Times report that the United States plans to use electronic surveillance equipment already in place in Norway to help verify Soviet compliance with the terms of the SALT II treaty.

"What we are trying to do now is throw the fear of the Lord into some people," a high-ranking government official said, but he admitted there seemed little chance of apprehending the sources for the Times articles.

In fact, a well-informed official said, the leaked story is incorrect, and this fact could only have been known to a handful of people in the U.S. government.

This official said in reality there are geographical factors that make it impossible for electronic listening posts in Norway to take the place of the American "ears" that once monitored Soviet rocket and missile activity in central Asia from the lost bases in Iran. At best, the Norwegian listening posts can only pick up telemetry and radio signals from missiles being tested in the USSR.

The United States for years has made use of facilities at Bodo and other bases in Norway for certain

types of electronic monitoring of the Soviet Union.

But officials said Washington never had any intention of trying to convert the facilities in Norway to more sophisticated use because of the loss of the Iranian sites and the possibility that Turkey might refuse to permit the American U-2 reconnaissance planes from Turkish bases.

"The geography is all wrong," an official said. "The real problem is the extreme sensitivity of Norway about any finger-pointing about their role in watching over what goes on inside the Soviet Union."

Only a limited number of Norwegians have any idea of what goes on up there, an official said, and the United States has never advertised

that there are various types of facilities in place in Norway.

Earlier this month, however, Norwegian Prime Minister Odvar Nordli himself said Norway would be willing to let the United States set up listening posts for monitoring Soviet compliance with the SALT treaty if both the United States and the Soviet Union agreed.

The Times reported on July 13 that the FBI had begun an investigation at the request of CIA Director Stansfield Turner. Turner was reported to be furious at the leak and demanded an investigation in a letter to Attorney General Griffin Bell. FBI officials declined to discuss the matter, but it has become evident that an investigation by FBI agents is under way.